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## **New Jersey State Archives Launches Bicentennial Tribute to President Lincoln**

### **TRENTON, NJ**

- In observance of the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, February 12, the New Jersey State Archives has unveiled a new web site featuring scanned original documents, legislative records and various published accounts pertaining to Lincoln's two visits to New Jersey.

"New Jersey is fortunate to have so many prized documentary treasures that have been preserved for future generations," said Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells. "Visitors to this new web site will have the opportunity to see digital scans of original writings and contemporary newspapers from Lincoln's presidency that only a few have ever witnessed first hand until now. This is an extraordinary opportunity for citizens and visitors."

In February 1861, President-elect Lincoln accepted an invitation from New Jersey Governor Charles S. Olden and the State Legislature to visit the State House while en route from his home in Springfield, Illinois to the inauguration in Washington, D.C. His acceptance letter is one of the State Archives' documentary treasures.

His second visit was not a happy occasion. In April 1865, the slain President's funeral train followed in reverse the same route back to Springfield he had taken in 1861. Mourners in Trenton and throughout New Jersey paid their respects to him along the route.

Visit "Lincoln in New Jersey: A Bicentennial Tribute by the New Jersey State Archives" at: <http://www.njarchives.org/links/lincoln.html>. For more information about the State Archives extensive research holdings and services to the public, visit <http://www.njarchives.org/links/archives.html>.

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